Discovery of Pre-Historic Caves in Gujarat

*69. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether pre-historic caves have been discovered at Tej Garh in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to discover pre-historic caves in Kumhrar in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) In the granitic hill of Koraj near Tej Garh about 30 caves have been discovered by M.S. University of Baroda in December, 1992 some of which have been found to contain paintings made on the natural cave walls in varying states of preservation. The paintings are in monochrome red or white colour prepared possibly from red heamatite. The theme of the aintings include horse riders, dancing figures, animal figures such as horse and dog, symbols, such as swastika, in addition to the depiction of trees and other various crisscross desgins. Stone age tools have been collected from the base of the hill and none of the tools havt been recovered from the caves.

(c) No, Sir.

Implementation of the SAARC Plan for Girl Child

*70 SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Miinster of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the steps so far taken to implement the SAARC plan for girl child, indicating the extent to which the same has been implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): As a fellow-up to tht SAARC frame work of the Decade Programme for the Girl Child, Government has finalised a National Plan of Action for the SAARC Decade of the Girl Child (1991-2000) in November, 1992. The implementation of the decadal plan has commenced and it involves continuous inter-ministerial effort. The first meeting of the Coordination Committee of Secretaries set-up to review and take follow-up action on it has already been held. All the States|UTs have been requested to draw their own Plans of Action and to constitute similar Coordination Committees at the States|UT level.

भूमिगत जल स्तर का गिर जाना

*71. **श्री सोम पाल :**
श्री शिवचरण सिंह :

क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत कुछ वर्षों के दौरान देश के अधिकांश भागों में भूमिगत जल स्तर नीचे चला गया है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और इस संबंध में सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

जल संसाधन मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल) : (क) भूजल स्तर 2 मीटर तक गिरावट या बढ़ोत्तरी को सामान्य माना जाता है। देश के कुछ भागों में, पाकेटो/भागों और स्थानीय क्षेत्रों में भूजल स्तर में 4 मीटर से अधिक गिरावट पाई गई है।